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Patent Claims

- Flat, flexible laminated composite material, with a liquid-impermeable layer (14) and a liquid-absorbent layer (16) joined to the latter, characterised in that a support layer (12), comprising a flexible network layer (34), carries the liquid-impermeable layer (14).
- 2. Laminated composite material according to claim 1,
 10 characterised in that the liquid-impermeable layer is
 a sheet (14).
- 3. Laminated composite material according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the liquid-absorbent layer (16) has a pile (22), preferably of cotton fibres (24).
- 4. Laminated composite material according to claim 3, characterised in that the liquid absorbent layer (16) comprises a fleecy material.
 - 5. Laminated composite material according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the liquid-absorbent layer (16) is a fleece layer.
- 6. Laminated composite material according to one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the liquid-absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28) that are filled with a substance (32) and that have a covering (30) that can be degraded or destroyed by pressure, temperature or moisture.
- 7. Laminated composite material according to claim 6 in conjunction with claim 3, characterised in that the microcapsules (28) adhere to the fibres (24) of the pile (22), preferably via a bonding agent (26).

AMENDED SHEET

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- Laminated composite material according to one of claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the flexible network layer (34) consists of a material having a high degree of friction, in particular rubber.
- 9. Laminated composite material according to one of the preceding claims, characterised in that a liquid-permeable, preferably hydrophobic cover layer (18) for the liquid-absorbent layer (16) is provided on the side remote from the liquid-impermeable layer (14), the said cover layer being joined to the liquid-absorbent layer (16).
- 10. Laminated composite material according to claim 9,
 characterised in that the cover layer (18) is bonded
 to the liquid-absorbent layer (16), the bonding agent
 being provided on a plurality of bonding positions
 (36) spaced apart from one another and distributed
 over the surface of the laminated composite material
 (10).